

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1890
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
RICE SCAM IN FCI
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any rice scam has come to the knowledge of the Government in FCI godowns at Dhillwan in Punjab this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have initiated action to enquire into the irregularities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether necessary disciplinary action has been initiated against the guilty officers involved in the scam;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): During the investigation of a complaint, it was detected that rice common (Boiled) loaded in the special Ex-Beas (out of Dhillwan stocks) on 26.1.2001, in fact, had been loaded directly by two millers and the consignee staff/officers at Cooch Behar in West Bengal Region in connivance with the millers, and FCI staff of Dhillwan acknowledged the receipt of the said stocks & intimated receipt of only 86 bags of substandard rice. Subsequently on a joint inspection & analysis of the stocks in question, it was revealed that sub-standard stocks had been received at Cooch Behar against special No. 119 despatched Ex-Beas (out of Dhillwan stocks) on 26.1.2001. The consignee on the basis of this joint sampling/analysis results, submitted a revised Loss Assessment Statement amounting to Rs. 20,48,353.31/-.

(c): Yes Sir.

(d): On the basis of findings of the investigation report, major penalty proceedings were initiated against the then District Manager, Kapurthala, and after completing the inquiry proceedings the penalty of dismissal has been imposed upon him.

Major penalty proceedings have also been initiated against 2 Category - I & 19 Category -II/III officers/officials in both Punjab and West Bengal Regions. The case has also been handed over to CBI for probe.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) Details indicated in para (d) of the question.

(g) Needs no reply in view of reply furnished in para (e) above.